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on Lebanon

Proposed positions on four policy issues to be discussed:

- What should be the policy on Lebanon and its linkage on autonomy?

Our basic policy recommendations are included in DCI's 13 June Memo "Next Steps in Lebanon." The Lebanon situation should not be linked to autonomy. We will need all the leverage we can muster to bring about a Lebanon resolution which meets our minimum requirements. This will involve Israeli-phased withdrawals, their acceptance of various indigenous and international buffer forces, and their tolerance of ambiguous political situations in eastern and northern Lebanon. It is worth it to bring about a situation which defuses the flashpoint of Lebanon, without diluting our leverage by fruitless linkage to autonomy negotiations.

- Participation of US military units in humanitarian/peacekeeping role.

While there is no reason to be absolutely adamant on this judgment, on balance such participation would not appear wise. It would give whatever international force is decided upon a distinctly pro-Israeli cast in Arab eyes; our forces could be regarded as effective Israeli surrogates; and the possibility of guerrilla action against the international force itself would be greater with US participation. Finally, Israel would probably accept a force without such participation, in our judgment. US impact would be greatest by large-scale equipment and MTT assistance to the new Lebanese armed forces.

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- President's meeting with Begin on 21 June.

This meeting should not threaten sanctions on Israel, nor link the Lebanese situation with autonomy talks. Our interests would be best served by concentrating on resolving the many problems associated with defusing the Lebanon situation.

- Public position the US should take regarding the situation in the Middle East.

In general, the moral high ground should be assumed. We should insist on phased Israeli and other foreign withdrawal from Lebanon, while understanding the necessity of replacing them with domestic or international forces as possible. We should insist on continuance of the autonomy negotiations, but not explicitly link these with solutions in Lebanon.

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